

ROUND MOUNTAIN WATER AND SANITATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

THURSDAY, May 15, 2025

2:00 P.M. – 3rd Street Gallery Building Conference Room
In-person or via zoom

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m. by Steve Lasswell

Roll Call: Steve Lasswell, Randy Wilhelm, Connie Thompson and Mark Dembosky
Dave Schneider, Peggy Quint, Steven Koch and Becky Montanari (zoom)
Lucas Epp, BOCC and Elliott Jackson, Wet Mountain Tribune

Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Wilhelm

Public input for those not on the agenda will be limited to 3 minutes.

Swearing in of Randy Wilhelm and Connie Thompson – Randy and Connie were sworn in by Peggy Quint, DEO

Additions to June 19, 2025 - Board of Directors Meeting Agenda - None

Administrative Report

1. Business Office Manager – Peggy Quint – in BOD Packet
2. Field Operations Manager – Steven Koch – in BOD Packet
3. General Manager – Dave Schneider
 - Well/Meter Project – finalized the financials. While finishing up the paperwork, Dave discovered a discrepancy in the cost of the project to what was paid. Without using the contingency funds, the district overpaid about \$28,674.46. Iconergy will issue RMWSD a check for the overpaid amount. The final loan amount (just under \$900K) should be completed in about 6 weeks.
 - WWTP – Desludging started on Monday, May 12th. There has been minimal odor and minimal noise. It should be completed by the 23rd of May. Mr. Lasswell thanked the County Commissioners for their contribution. The 180-day deadline will be very close. There will be about 18 months of actual testing.
 - GMS – finishing bid documents. Request For Proposals could be sent by mid-June. Hoping to use local contractors with one contractor overseeing sub-contractors. The project is currently within budget with EPIC funding the costs so far for engineering from grant funds.
 - Reservoir – Project design approved. Dave is meeting with Upper Ark to lay out plans for the next phase. The discharge pipe and the monitoring equipment were not part of the original design; a second project grant will be pursued. For the second part of the project, another engineer may be used. RFP's should be going out sometime in June.
 - The creek started to flow the last week in April. Only 12-acre feet is needed for augmentation. Because of the amount of water in storage, Upper Ark may be interested in a short-term lease for augmentation water. This will be stored in DeWeese in their own storage there. Even with low snowpacks, the numbers are favorable for the district.

- **Dave did some research into any extra taps that the Town of Westcliffe may not be using. There is a sewer tap over at Jess Price Park that is available.**
- **Dave attended a DOLA meeting on resilience. There were eight different communities that were represented. Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency presented a power point on how to handle angry customers and the latest trend of 1st Amendment Auditing. There are people that enter governmental offices and try to create confrontational interactions with employees and record any encounters when they ask them to leave. There are” does” and “don’ts” in handling those people. The big takeaway from the eight that attended was that six stated that wastewater upgrades were their biggest challenge. Steve commended the meter replacement project and the use of Aquahawk since he received an alert that reminded him that he had water running in the garden.**

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of April 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Financial Report and Approval of Checks for April 2025**
Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Randy Wilhelm and seconded by Mark Dembosky. Vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion.

Old Business

- 1. Update on Personnel Policy overtime pay discussions – as discussed last month, an amendment to the current Personnel Policy to change the policy regarding overtime. There was also a paragraph in the policy that needs to be taken out of the policy as the district has never followed regarding Holiday pay.**
- 2. Resolution 2025-6 Personnel Policy Amendment – Motion to approve the resolution was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Mark Dembosky. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote to approve the resolution.**
- 3. Resolution 2025-8 Amending CORA Policy – as discussed last month, this resolution amends the previous policy by raising the hourly rate of CORA research to \$41.37. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Connie Thompson and seconded by Randy Wilhelm. Vote was 4-0 in favor.**

New Business

- 1. Approval of new bank accounts for Wastewater Improvement – RMWSD has been asked to open two bank accounts for the sludge removal project funds. Bill Canda and Dave Schneider will be the signers on the account. The funds will be used for Wastewater Treatment Improvement and will be titled as such. Mark Dembosky made a motion to open two bank accounts for the use of the wastewater treatment improvement with any remaining funds to go toward the matching grant funds to complete the project. Second, by Connie Thompson, the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.**

Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.